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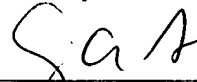
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for the purpose of inserting the rights of the United States Government in the invention due to funding under a contract with the National Institutes of Health. No new data is included and applicants request that this information be included in the application prior to examination thereof.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.286002022900. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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